

**SUBJECT: VIETNAM-ERA UNACCOUNTED FOR STATISTICAL REPORT**

**BACKGROUND:** The Department of Defense, Washington Headquarters Service, and the Department of State report the current numbers of Americans who are unaccounted for in Southeast Asia:

**AMERICANS UNACCOUNTED FOR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA**

<u>COMPONENT</u>	<u>COUNTRY OF LOSS</u>					<u>TOTALS</u>
	VN	VS	LA	CB	CH	
ARMY	9	462	99	26	0	<b>596</b>
NAVY	270	90	28	1	8	<b>397</b>
MARINE CORPS	22	195	16	8	0	<b>241</b>
AIR FORCE	208	169	238	18	0	<b>633</b>
COAST GUARD	0	1	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
CIVILIANS	1	20	10	5	0	<b>36</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>937</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1904 *</b>
<u>PURSUIT STATUS</u>						
FURTHER PURSUIT	189	461	328	47	4	<b>1029</b>
DEFERRED	66	118	27	2	1	<b>214</b>
NO FURTHER PURSUIT	255	358	36	9	3	<b>661</b>
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VN = VIETNAM, NORTH

VS = VIETNAM, SOUTH

CB = CAMBODIA

CH = CHINA

LA = LAOS

\* INCLUDES 459 AT SEA/OVER WATER LOSSES

**ACCOUNTING FOR U.S. PERSONNEL:** The Central Identification Laboratory, Hawaii reports that since 1973, the U.S. has accounted for 681 Americans from Southeast Asia.

**AMERICANS ACCOUNTED FOR POST-1973  
REPATRIATED BY:**

VIETNAM	485	*
CHINA	2	**
LAOS	169	
CAMBODIA	25	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>***</b>

**NOTES:**

\* 34 remains from the Official Died in Captivity Lists provided by the Vietnamese in 1973.

\*\* 2 ashes returned from China.

\*\*\* 6 remains were recovered and turned over to the U.S. by indigenous personnel. They are included in the country count.

**U.S. GOVERNMENT EFFORTS:** Since the fall of Saigon in 1975, the U.S. Government has acquired 22009 reports possibly pertaining to Americans in Southeast Asia:

### SUMMARY OF REPORTS

FIRSTHAND LIVE SIGHTINGS	1918
HEARSAY SIGHTINGS REPORTS	4906
CRASH/GRAVE SITES	5416
DOGTAGS	9769
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22009</b>

- a. Of the 1918 firsthand reports received since 1975, 1897 (98.91%) reports are resolved.
  - 1321 (68.87%) reports were equated to Americans who are accounted for (i.e., PW returnees, missionaries, civilians jailed at various times for violation of Vietnamese codes).
  - 45 (2.35%) reports were correlated to wartime sightings of military personnel or pre-1975 sighting of civilians who remain unaccounted for.
  - 531 (27.69%) reports were determined to be fabrications.
- b. The remaining 21 (1.09%) unresolved firsthand reports represent the focus of the U.S. Government analytical and collection efforts:
  - 20 (1.04%) pertain to Americans reported in a captive environment.
  - 1 (0.05%) reported sightings of Americans in a non-captive environment (i.e. working as truck drivers; married with Vietnamese family).
- c. The following timeline presents an overview of unresolved firsthand sightings by the year of the sighting:

### TIMELINE: UNRESOLVED LIVE SIGHTING REPORTS

Pre-76	76-80	81-85	86-90	91-95	96	97	98	99	00	01	Total
15	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	<b>20</b>